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Mayor Roxann Wedegartner and Greenfield Department of Health Issues Advisory on Wearing Face Coverings in Public

GREENFIELD – Mayor Roxann Wedegartner and Greenfield Department of Health Director Valerie Bird are issuing a joint advisory for residents of the City of Greenfield to wear face coverings when in public while conducting essential business and at times when social distancing is unable to be maintained. This advisory follows guidance issued earlier this month from both the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health advising the wearing of face coverings in public when social distancing (defined as a distance of greater than six (6) feet) can not be maintained.

The Greenfield Department of Health and Mayor Wedegartner encourage residents of the City of Greenfield to stay at home whenever possible. This continues to be the most effective way to protect yourself and your family from the spread and transmission of COVID-19. When leaving your home to conduct essential business or while being out in public, wearing a face covering is recommended in order to protect yourself and others but should not be substituted for the continued use of established social distancing guidelines (keep about six (6) feet between yourself and others). Using a face covering is intended to protect others in the event you are infected with COVID-19. Mayor Wedegartner stated, “Wearing a procedural mask, cloth mask, bandana, or scarf can provide a measure of protection while you are out in public and if you need to leave home to visit the supermarket, pharmacy, or while conducting essential business within the City of Greenfield.”

The CDC has provided instructions on how to use cloth face coverings to help protect yourself and slow the transmission of COVID-19. According to the CDC, these instructions include:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Cloth face coverings should -

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops

- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Greenfield residents with any questions or concerns about this advisory are encouraged to contact the city's COVID-19 Resource & Information Line at 413-775-6411 (Monday – Friday; 9am – 5pm).



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